**Utilization of funds under Integrated Programme for older persons**

1821. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minsiter of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Integrated Programme for Older Persons is being implemented since 1992;

(b) if so, whether significant share of budgetary provisions made for this scheme is hugely under-utilised;

(c) whether during 2006-07, against a budgetary provision of Rs. 26.00 crore only Rs. 13.60 crore has been spent; and

(d) the reasons for non-utilisation of large share of funds for such an important social welfare scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) It is a demand driven scheme. Grant-in-aid is released to the Organizations subject to completion on certain formalities. During 2006-07, an amount of Rs. 12.53 crores was spent under this scheme. The main reasons for under-utilizaiton of funds is inadequate number of proposals and delayed receipt of recommendations from respective State/U.T. Governments.

**Scheme for homeless persons**

1822. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of homeless people in the country, State-wise;

(b) the schemes being run for their benefit; and

(c) the financial allocations made by the Central Government for them during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) As per Census 2001, the number of homeless in the country, State-wise is given in Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) in the rural areas of all States/UTs (except Delhi & Chandigarh) under which financial assistance is provided to rural BPL household for construction of a house. The Central Allocation made under the scheme during the last three years is as under:

| Year | Central Allocation (Rs. in Crore) |
|---|---|
| 2005-06 | 2732.40 |
| 2006-07 | 2907.53 |
| 2007-08 | 4032.70 |